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3 sentenced for distributing methamphetamine

Methamphetamine is one of the most popular illegal drugs in Minnesota, according to the Hazelden Foundation, and federal officials continue to stop those distributing this dangerous and addictive drug. The last of three defendants charged together in a conspiracy involving methamphetamine were sentenced last week.

Patrick Wayne Jarmuzek, 36, Minneapolis, was sentenced to 70 months in prison and five years of supervised release June 5 in Minneapolis by United States District Court Judge John Tunheim. Jarmuzek was sentenced on one count of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

Two other defendants connected to this case were recently sentenced by Judge Tunheim. Michael Dale Ackley, 38, Minneapolis, was sentenced to 80 months in prison and five years of supervised release on March 27, and Shawn Gerald Holmquist, 22, Robbinsdale, was sentenced to 12 months and one day in prison and four years of supervised release on May 22. Both were sentenced on one count of conspiracy.

All three defendants were indicted on April 24, 2007. Ackley pleaded guilty on July 31, Holmquist pleaded guilty on June 8 and Jarmuzek pleaded guilty on Feb. 29, 2008.

According to their respective plea agreements, the three knowingly and intentionally conspired with each other to possess with the intent to distribute, and to distribute in excess of 50 grams of the highly addictive and dangerous drug methamphetamine from Jan. 1, 2007, to March 29, 2007.

According to a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) affidavit, the Northwest Metro Drug Task Force began investigating Jarmuzek in January 2007, after learning he was selling quantities of methamphetamine in the Minneapolis area.

Officers observed a Feb. 5, 2007, meeting at an apartment complex located on Pillsbury Avenue in Minneapolis, where a purchase was discussed involving Jarmuzek and Holmquist. Police arranged a "controlled buy" with Jarmuzek on Feb. 5 at a coffee shop located on Lyndale

Avenue in Minneapolis, involving 1 ounce of methamphetamine.

On March 29, police arranged for another “controlled buy” at a Target store, located at Interstate 35W and Johnson Street in Minneapolis. Officers observed Holmquist providing 1 ounce of methamphetamine as part of the “controlled buy.”

Police conducted a traffic stop on Jarmuzek’s vehicle while he was driving with Holmquist March 29 near the intersection of Interstate 35W and Washington Avenue in Minneapolis. Both Jarmuzek and Holmquist were arrested, and during a search of the vehicle, officers recovered drug paraphernalia and approximately 2 grams of methamphetamine.

The total weight of the methamphetamine recovered by officers during the investigation was approximately 58 grams.

This was the result of an investigation by the Northwest Metro Drug Task Force, the DEA and the police departments of Minneapolis and Plymouth, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Michael A. Dees and Andrew S. Dunne.